

Proclamation Presented

In Recognition of Hawai'i Conservation Week

WHEREAS, Hawai'i Conservation Week is recognized by the Hawaii Conservation Alliance to raise awareness about important conservation issues affecting Hawai'i's natural environment and unite Hawai'i's leadership in identifying conservation-related priorities of statewide significance; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i Conservation Week helps our local communities reflect upon the progress made towards the effective management of our native ecosystems, celebrate advances in conservation research and learn about the restoration and protection of our local rare and endangered species; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i Conservation Week promotes effective, long-term management of Hawai'i's natural resources; encouraging individuals to participate in its activities including free public events, collaborative meetings and outreach; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i Conservation Week concludes with the annual Hawai'i Conservation Conference; this year's conference theme "Island Ecosystems: The Year of the Forest" highlights Hawai'i's native forests and their connection to healthy oceans; the theme underscores the need for all public and private sectors to work together to ensure that our islands continue to thrive;

THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim the week of July 25-30, 2011 as

"HAWAI'I CONSERVATION WEEK"

in Hawai'i and urge the people of the Aloha State to join us in exploring ways we can help preserve Hawai'i's precious natural resources.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twentieth day of July, 2011.

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Governor, State of Hawai'i

RRIAN SCHATZ

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i